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In re Application of	:
Shota Murakami, et. al.	:
Application No. 10/574,977	:
Filed: April 7, 2006	:
Attorney Docket No. 23697-015US1/NF-2981	:
	: DECISION ON PETITION
	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)

This is a decision on the amendment filed June 16, 2009, which is being treated as a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) for the benefit of priority to prior-filed nonprovisional and PCT application, as set forth in the concurrently filed amendment.

The instant petition is not signed by an attorney of record. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Sushil Shrinivasan appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts. If Mr. Shrinivasan desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. Nevertheless, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record until otherwise instructed.

A decision on the renewed petition filed on December 19, 2008 was rendered on June 17, 2009. At the time the renewed petition was decided, the undersigned was not aware of the substitute amendment filed by the Electronic Filing System (EFS-web) on June 16, 2009. As such, the substitute amendment crossed with the decision mailed on June 17, 2009. Therefore, per discussion with the attorney listed above on June 17, 2009, the amendment filed by EFS-web on June 16, 2009, is being considered as a renewed petition.

The renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

All of the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed applications under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) should not be construed as meaning that the application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed applications. In order for the application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed applications, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed applications should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed applications noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

This application is being forwarded to the examiner of Technology Center Art Unit 3617 for consideration of applicant's entitlement to claim benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) to the prior-filed applications.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

/Andrea M. Smith/
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Enclosure: Corrected Filing Receipt

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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 10/574,977**

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Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Pin assembly of track roller bogie in crawler type traveling apparatus and crawler type traveling apparatus with the assembly

Preliminary Class

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